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ON JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS AND EDUCATION AND CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES

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1. WE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR
UNESCO AFFAIRS (DE SELYS) AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 12 ON EVE OF
HIS DEPARTURE FOR NAIROBI CONFERENCE TO JOIN BELGIAN DELEGATION
AND WE MADE REPRESENTATIONS ON TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ALONG
LINES OF REFTEL. ON THE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS RESOLUTION,
DE SELYS REPLIED THAT IF DRAFT REMAINS IN ITS PRESENT UNACCEPTABLE
FORM, BELGIUM WILL VOTE AGAINST; IF THE DRAFT IS AMENDED,
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THEY WILL LOOK AT THE NEW TEXT AND CONSULT WITH EC-9 COLLEAGUES.

2. ON ISRAELI-OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES DRAFT RESOLUTION, DE SELYS SAID THAT BELGIUM WAS URGING EC-9 TO ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST SINCE CURRENT SECOND-DRAFT IS MORE MODERATE THAN FIRST DRAFT (WHICH BELGIUM "CONDEMNED"); IT REFLECTS EXTENSIVE WORK ON THE PART OF MODERATE ARABS; AND FINALLY, BELGIUM HAS OPPOSED (SUCCESSFULLY) THE ARABS ON PREVIOUS CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN NAIROBI (MASS MEDIA AND EUROPEAN REGION) AND SHOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE IN OPPOSITION TO ARABS ON EVERY ISSUE. DE SELYS SAID BELGIUM WAS PUSHING FOR GENERAL ABSTENTION OF EC-9 ON THIS RESOLUTION, BUT IF NINE WERE DIVIDED, BELGIUM WOULD VOTE WITH MAJORITY. FIRESTONE

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